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## PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2004, extending the period for response to November 28, 2004. A check in the amount of \$215.00 to cover the extension fee for a small entity.

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